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Honorable Richard Helms  
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Dear Mr. Helms:

I am attaching a letter which I have received from one of my sub-committee chairmen, Joe L. Evins of Tennessee. Also attached is a column by Henry J. Taylor which appeared in the Nashville Banner on February 19th. Over a period of months Mr. Evins has expressed to me his concern about the Central Intelligence Agency. I am not one who believes that the Agency is infallible, but I do have complete faith in you and in the Agency generally.

Of all the irresponsible syndicated columnists, I rank Henry J. Taylor as about number one. However, he is published very widely throughout the nation, and this includes my home town paper, and most people probably believe everything he says.

Will you please analyze a few sentences of the column of February 19th and document the complete fabrication or partial fabrication which would be involved. I would like for Mr. Evins to feel that Henry J. Taylor's article is not fully responsible.

Sincerely,



Chairman

*Please return the attached*